

Comparisons of Job Characteristics

Focus Occupation: **Massage Therapists (31-9011)**

Associated Occupation: **Physical Therapist Assistants (31-2021)**

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<<	Focus occupation element is much lower
<	Focus occupation element is lower
0	Focus occupation element is at a similar level
>	Focus occupation element is at a higher level
>>	Focus occupation element is at a much higher level

Knowledge

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 85

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Associated Occupation's Key Knowledge Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating		Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Customer and Personal Service	11.3	18.4	10.2	<<	Extensive education and/or training may be required
Therapy and Counseling	3.8	15.0	9.7	<<	Extensive education and/or training may be required
Education and Training	9.2	14.7	6.6	<<	Extensive education and/or training may be required
Psychology	6.4	14.6	10.0	<<	Extensive education and/or training may be required
Medicine and Dentistry	3.7	12.5	6.0	<<	Extensive education and/or training may be required
Biology	3.7	8.5	3.5	<<	Extensive education and/or training may be required

The maximum possible rating is 25.

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section analysis of O*NET (Occupation Information Network) data.

Skills

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 88

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Associated Occupation: **Physical Therapist Assistants (31-2021)**

Associated Occupation's Key Skills Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating		Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Social Perceptiveness	9.1	11.8	9.7	<	A higher skill level may be required
Service Orientation	7.9	10.8	10.0	0	Current skill level may be sufficient
Coordination	9.1	10.2	7.2	<<	Extensive development of skills in this area may be required

The maximum possible rating is 25.

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Abilities		Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 77			
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Associated Occupation's Key Abilities Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation	
Speech Recognition	9.9	11.8	10.0	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Static Strength	5.0	8.6	8.5	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Extent Flexibility	4.8	8.5	7.0	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Trunk Strength	5.7	8.3	11.1	>>	Current ability level is likely more than sufficient
Gross Body Coordination	3.9	6.6	4.7	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required
Stamina	4.0	6.6	8.4	>	Current ability level is likely sufficient
Speed of Limb Movement	3.2	5.5	1.3	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required

The maximum possible rating is 25.

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Activities that Both Occupations Have in Common		Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 96
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Work Activities	Exclusivity of Activity	
Administer medications or treatments	46	
Observe patient condition	48	
Position patient for therapy	70	
Prepare patients for tests, therapy, or treatments	70	
Set up patient care equipment	75	
Use knowledge of medical terminology	40	
Use massage therapy procedures	81	

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily perform all of the listed activities. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the activity is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations engage in that activity.

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Tools and Technologies that Both Occupations Have in Common

Similarity of Focus
Occupation to Associated
Occupation: 78

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Tools and Technologies	Exclusivity
Computers	1
Content authoring and editing software	1
Heat and cold therapy products	29
Hydrotherapy products	33
Industry specific software	1
Rehabilitation exercise devices and equipment	24

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily use all of the listed tools and technologies. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the tool or technology is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations use that tool or technology.

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